



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 147/26

STAFF REPORT ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Battelle Memorial Research Center / Talaris Conference Center 4000 NE 41st Street

Features and Characteristics for which a Certificate of Approval is required:
The site and the exteriors of the buildings.

Designated under Standard: C, D, E, and F

Summary of proposed changes: Replace chain-link boundary fencing and gates with an 8' tall, steel, vertical picket assembly with an anti-climb feature.

Suggested Language for Approval:

I move that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board approve the application and issue a Certificate of Approval for the proposed boundary fencing and gates at the former Battelle Memorial Research Center / Talaris Conference Center, 4000 NE 41st Street, as per the attached submittal.

This action is based on the following:

1. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 A, the extent to which the proposed alteration or significant change would adversely affect the features or characteristics described in the Report on Designation, LPB 742/13.
 - a. The proposed appearance of the new fence and gates is a visual improvement over the existing installation, previously approved by the Board in 2021.
 - b. The black, steel picket design will not adversely affect the views throughout the campus and is visually neutral.
2. With regard to SMC 25.12.750 B, the reasonableness or lack thereof of the proposed alterations or significant change in light of other alternatives available to achieve the objectives of the owner and the applicant.

- a. The property has been very difficult to secure, requiring the 8' high fence and deterrent profile.
 - b. No alternatives were requested by the Board as the proposal appeared reasonable.
3. The factors of SMC 25.12.750 D and E are not applicable.
 4. The proposed work as presented is consistent with the following Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as listed below:

Standard #9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Standard #10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.